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I. Introduction

1. The Conference on Disarmament submits to the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations its annual report on its 2014 session, together with the pertinent documents and records.

II. Organization of the work of the Conference

A. 2014 session of the Conference

2. The Conference was in session from 20 January to 28 March, 12 May to 27 June and 28 July to 12 September 2014. During this period, the Conference held 28 formal plenary meetings, at which member States as well as non-member States invited to participate in the discussions outlined their views and recommendations on the various issues before the Conference.

3. The Conference also held 29 informal plenary meetings, including three of the Informal Working Group, on 24 February, 19, 21 to 23 May, 4 to 6, 11 to 13, 17, 18 to 20, 25 to 26 June, 28 July, 15 and 18 August, 2 to 3 and 9 September 2014.

4. In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the following member States assumed successively the Presidency of the Conference: Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya and Malaysia.

5. At the first plenary meeting of the 2014 session on 21 January 2014, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations delivered a statement in which he, inter alia, called for the Conference on Disarmament, as the sole standing body on disarmament negotiations, to make 2014 a year of creativity and action. In seeking progress, he emphasised on the value of structured discussions which can provide a foundation for future negotiations. Stressing the importance for the Conference on Disarmament to begin substantive negotiations, he recalled past achievements of the Conference and its potential to contribute substantively to international peace and security and called upon the Conference to live up to the international community's expectations (CD/PV.1302).

6. Upon the joint invitation of the first President of the Conference, Mr. Eviatar Manor, Ambassador of Israel and of the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Michael Moller, the following dignitaries addressed the Conference on Disarmament: Mr. Peter Javorcik, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia (CD/PV.1308); Mr. Héctor Marcos Timerman, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Argentina (CD/PV.1308); Mr. Benedetto Della Vedova, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Italy (CD/PV.1308); Mr. Dimitris Kourkoulas, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece (CD/PV.1308); Mr. Yerzhan Ashikbayev, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan (CD/PV.1310); Mr. Hirotaka Ishihara, Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan (CD/PV.1310); Ms. Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Canada (CD/PV.1310); Mr. Szabolcs Takács, Deputy State Secretary of Hungary (CD/PV.1310); Mr. Lubomír Zaorálek, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic (CD/PV.1310); Mr. Sheik Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani, Minister's Assistant for International Cooperation Affairs of Qatar (CD/PV.1310); Mr. Peter Stenlund, Secretary of State of Finland (CD/PV.1311); Mr. Gonzalo de Benito Secades, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Spain (CD/PV.1311); Mr. Edgars Rinkēvičs, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia (CD/PV.1311); Ms. Julie Bishop, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia (CD/PV.1314); and Mr. Mankeur Ndiaye, Minister of Foreign

Affairs of Senegal (CD/PV.1319). In addition, Mr. John W. Ashe, President of the United Nations General Assembly also addressed the Conference (CD/PV.1308).

7. In their addresses, these dignitaries variously expressed support for the Conference, expressed concern about its current situation, called upon the Conference to do its part to advance the international agenda by overcoming its ongoing deadlock, and set out their national priorities for the work of the Conference.

8. The substantive secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament was composed as follows: Mr. Michael Møller, Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Director of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, and Mr. Ivor Richard Fung, Senior Political Affairs Officer and Secretary of the Conference on Disarmament.

B. Participants in the work of the Conference

9. The representatives of the following 65 member States participated in the work of the Conference: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

C. Attendance and participation of States not members of the Conference

10. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036), the Conference received and considered requests for participation in its work from 40 States not members of the Conference. Accordingly, the Conference invited the following non-member States to participate in its work: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Jamaica, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Nepal, Oman, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Arab Emirates and Uruguay.

11. The following documents dealing with the issue of attendance and participation of States not members of the Conference were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/1968, dated 28 January 2014, entitled "Letter dated 21 January 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the requests for participation in the work of the conference during 2014 from non-member States";

(b) CD/1969, dated 17 February 2014, entitled "Letter dated 12 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the position of Cyprus on the issue raised in document CD/1968 dated 28 January 2014".

D. Agenda and programme of work for the 2014 session

12. At its 1302nd plenary meeting on 21 January 2014, following a debate in which the content of the draft agenda presented by the President of the Conference, Mr. Eviatar Manor, Ambassador of Israel was reviewed in accordance with rule 29 of the rules of procedure, the Conference on Disarmament adopted its agenda for the 2014 session (CD/PV.1302). The agenda (CD/1965) reads as follows:

> "Taking into account, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and deciding to resume its consultations on the review of its agenda, and without prejudice to their outcome, the Conference adopts the following agenda for its 2014 session:
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> 1. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
> 2. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.
> 3. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
> 4. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
> 5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
> 6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
> 7. Transparency in armaments.
> 8. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations."

13. Subsequently, the President made the following statement: "In connection with the adoption of the agenda, I, as the President of the Conference, should like to state that it is my understanding that if there is a consensus in the Conference to deal with any issues, they could be dealt with within this agenda. The Conference will also take into consideration paragraphs 27 and 30 of the rules of procedure of the Conference."

14. Pursuant to paragraph 59 of the 2013 report of the Conference (CD/1963), and further noting the provisions of CD/1956/Rev.1, the last President of the 2013 session (Ireland) and the first President of the 2014 session (Israel), conducted informal consultations during the inter-sessional period with a view to commencing early substantive work during the 2014 session of the Conference.

15. At the 1308th plenary meeting on 3 March 2014, the Conference adopted the draft decision CD/1974 submitted by the President of the Conference, Mr. Vinicio Mati, Ambassador of Italy, to re-establish an Informal Working Group, which reads as follows:

> *"The Conference on Disarmament,*
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> In pursuance of its Agenda contained in CD/1965,
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> Stressing the importance of adoption and implementation of a balanced and comprehensive programme of work at the earliest possible date in its 2014 session,
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> Without prejudice to the rules of procedure of the Conference and the responsibilities entrusted to the President under the rules of procedure of the Conference on Disarmament, in particular rule 29 for drawing up the programme of work of the Conference,

decides

1. To re-establish the informal working group (hereinafter referred to as the Group), pursuant to rule 23 of its rules of procedure, with a mandate to produce a programme of work robust in substance and progressive over time in implementation.

2. That the President of the Conference on Disarmament shall chair the Group and shall be assisted by a co-chair who shall carry out consultations on his/her behalf. For the 2014 session, the co-chair and vice-co-chair shall be Mr. Luis Gallegos Chiriboga, Ambassador of Ecuador and Mr. Peter Richard Woolcott, Ambassador of Australia, respectively.

3. That the Group shall remain open to all member States of the Conference on Disarmament and to those interested non-member States that the Conference has invited to participate, as observers, in its work during the 2014 session, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference and the decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036).

4. That, in its work, the Group shall continue to use the rules of procedure of the Conference, mutatis mutandis. In particular, the Group shall conduct its work and adopt its decisions by consensus, as provided by rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Conference.

5. That the Group shall hold meetings during the 2014 session as per timetable established by its co-chair in consultation with the President. Such meetings shall be open to all members and observers of the Conference, in accordance with paragraph 3 above.

6. That the co-chair shall report to the President of the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of the work of the Group on a regular basis and, at the President's request, to the plenary according to the rules of procedure. The President shall submit the final report on the work of the Group to the Conference as early as possible, but no later than the fourth week of the third part of the 2014 session of the Conference on Disarmament for consideration and adoption in accordance with the Conference's rules of procedure. Taking into account, and pursuant to rule 29 of the rules of procedure, the President will draw up a programme of work of the Conference for consideration and adoption."

16. The Informal Working Group held three meetings, respectively on 19 May, 28 July and 18 August 2014. On 2 September 2014, the President of the Conference, Mr. Mazlan Muhammad, Ambassador of Malaysia, addressed a letter to the Conference submitting the report of the Co-Chair and Vice Co-Chair on the work of the Informal Working Group (CD/2000). The Conference took note that the report of the Co-Chair and Vice Co-Chair was prepared in their personal capacity and without prejudice to the national positions of member States. Member States' views on the Informal Working Group and the report of its Co-Chair and Vice Co-Chair are duly reflected in the plenary records of the Conference.

17. Throughout the 2014 session, successive Presidents of the Conference conducted intensive consultations with a view to reaching consensus on a programme of work on the basis of relevant proposals. Delegations expressed their views on the issue of a programme of work, accounting for relevant proposals and suggestions, which are duly reflected in the plenary records. However, despite these efforts, the Conference did not succeed in reaching consensus on a programme of work in 2014.

18. At the 1314th plenary meeting on 26 March 2014, under the Presidency of Mr. Toshio Sano, Ambassador of Japan, the Conference agreed upon a schedule of activities of the 2014 session of the Conference on Disarmament (CD/1978). Pursuant to

CD/1978, a series of informal open-ended meetings on all the items listed in the agenda of the Conference were held. These informal discussions were neither pre-negotiations nor negotiations, and complemented, and in no case replaced, the Conference on Disarmament's on-going activities. The coordinators were required to report, in their personal capacity, on the discussions of the various substantive agenda items to the President who, in conjunction with each of them, would finalize the reports, under his/her own responsibility. The reports would not affect in any way the positions of the members of the Conference on Disarmament.

E. Expansion of the membership of the Conference

19. The question of the expansion of the membership of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings (CD/PV.1320 and CD/PV.1324). Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records. Suggestions were made for the appointment of a special rapporteur on enlargement.

20. Since 1982, requests for membership have been received from the following 27 non-members, in chronological order: Greece, Croatia, Kuwait, Portugal, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Denmark, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Cyprus, Lithuania, Ghana, Luxembourg, Uruguay, Philippines, Azerbaijan, Libya, Armenia, Thailand, Georgia, Jordan, Estonia, Latvia, Malta, Serbia, Republic of Moldova and Qatar.

F. Review of the agenda of the Conference

21. The review of the agenda of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

G. Improved and effective functioning of the Conference

22. The improved and effective functioning of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

23. At the 1316th plenary meeting on 20 May 2014, the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Michael Møller suggested options that could be explored by the Conference. He provided four suggestions: to consider negotiations on areas of common ground with a view eventually to produce framework conventions to which substantive protocols may be subsequently negotiated and added; to explore issues for which voluntary, politically binding regimes may be negotiated; to consider the establishment of a subsidiary body to examine and make proposals on the improvement of the working methods of the Conference and the holding of an informal conference on disarmament-civil society forum, hosted by the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament (CD/PV.1316). At the 1319th plenary meeting on 10 June 2014, Mr. Michael Møller further elaborated on his suggestions (CD/PV.1319). Divergent views were expressed by the member States on these suggestions. These views are duly reflected in the plenary records.

24. No documents were submitted to the Conference on this subject.

H. Communications from non-governmental organizations

25. In accordance with rule 42 of the rules of procedure, a list of communications from non-governmental organizations or their representatives was circulated to the Conference (CD/NGC/48).

26. In line with the decision taken at the 1172nd plenary meeting (CD/PV.1172) to mark International Women's Day, a statement of the NGO Women's International League for

Peace and Freedom was read by Ms. Mia Gandenberger on behalf of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom at the 1312th plenary meeting on 11 March 2014 (CD/PV.1312).

27. During the general debate, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the Conference's interaction with civil society. Their views are duly reflected in the plenary records of the Conference.

III. Substantive work of the Conference during its 2014 session

28. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations affirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda items. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

29. Pursuant to the decision on a schedule of activities (CD/1978), the Conference held informal meetings on the substantive agenda items, coordinated by Representatives to the Conference.

30. Under the authority of the President, the coordinators were tasked to organize and chair the debates in a comprehensive manner and without preconditions, taking into account all relevant past, present and future views and proposals. These discussions were neither pre-negotiations nor negotiations.

31. Informal meetings on agenda items 1 and 2 with a general focus on nuclear disarmament were coordinated by Mr. Walid Mahmoud Abdelnasser, Ambassador of Egypt; agenda items 1 and 2 with a general focus on the ban of the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices by Mr. Michael Biontino, Ambassador of Germany; agenda item 3 by Mr. Matthew Rowland, Ambassador of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; agenda item 4 by Ms. Marta Maurás, Ambassador of Chile; and agenda items 5, 6 and 7 by Mr. Mikhail Khvostov, Ambassador of Belarus.

32. On 12 August 2014, pursuant to CD/1978, the President of the Conference, Mr. Anthony Andanje, Ambassador of Kenya addressed a letter to Mr. Michael Moller, Acting Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the reports of the five Coordinators, prepared in their personal capacity and finalised by the President under his own responsibility, on the discussions held on the substantive agenda items, pursuant to the schedule of activities adopted by the Conference (CD/1995).

33. The list of documents issued by the Conference, as well as the texts of those documents, are included as appendix I to this report. An index of the verbatim records, by country and by subject, listing the statements made by delegations during 2014 and the verbatim records of the formal plenary meetings of the Conference, is attached as appendix II to this report.

34. The Conference had before it a letter dated 20 January 2014 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the resolutions and decisions on disarmament and international security matters adopted by the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session in 2013, including those making specific reference to the Conference on Disarmament (CD/1964 and Add.1). The latter are listed below:

68/28 Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (10th, 12th, 13th and 16th preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 2, 4 and 5)

68/29	Prevention of an arms race in outer space (6th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 5, 6 and 8)
68/32	Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament (operative paragraphs 4 and 5)
68/39	Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments (16th preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 11)
68/42	Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons (12th and 13th preambular paragraphs)
68/43	Transparency in Armaments (8th preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 6 (b) and 8)
68/46	Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations (4th preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 5)
68/47	Nuclear disarmament (15th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 16, 17, 20, 21)
6850	Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities (6th and 7th preambular paragraphs and operative paragraph 3)
68/51	United action towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons (12th preambular paragraph)
68/53	Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes (operative paragraphs 1, 5 and 6)
68/54	Regional disarmament (operative paragraph 1)
68/56	Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels (operative paragraph 2)
68/58	Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons (9th preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 1 and 2)
68/63	Report of the Disarmament Commission (operative paragraphs 5 and 9)
68/64	Report of the Conference on Disarmament (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th and 12th preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 1 to 10)
Decision 68/519	Revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations

A. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament

35. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

36. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/1966, dated 27 January 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 27 January 2014 from the Permanent Mission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the crucial

proposals made by the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in Pyongyang on 16 January 2014;

(b) CD/1970, dated 20 February 2014, entitled "Letter dated 20 February 2014 from the President of the Conference on Disarmament and Permanent Representative of Italy to the Conference on Disarmament transmitting two letters from the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations";

(c) CD/1972, dated 24 February 2014, entitled "Nota verbale dated 21 February 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the 'Special declaration on nuclear disarmament' and the 'Proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a zone of peace', adopted by the Heads of State and Government during the Second Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, held from 28 to 29 January 2014 in Havana";

(d) CD/1973, dated 25 February 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 21 February 2014 from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran in its capacity as Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement of the Non-Aligned Movement on the occasion of the Second Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons held in Nayarit, Mexico on 13 and 14 February 2014";

(e) CD/1979, dated 7 April 2014, entitled " Note verbale dated 27 March 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Mexico addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the Chair's Summary of the Second Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons held in Nuevo Vallarta, Nayarit, Mexico, on 13 and 14 February 2014";

(f) CD/1980, dated 1 May 2014, entitled "Letter dated 30 April 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the statement issued at the 8th Ministerial Meeting of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (NPDI) held in Hiroshima on 12 April 2014";

(g) CD/1982, dated 26 May 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 21 May 2014 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement delivered by Mr. Vitaly Churkin, Russian Permanent Representative to the United Nations during the signing of the Protocol to the Treaty on the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia on 6 May 2014 in New York";

(h) CD/1983, dated 26 May 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 20 May 2014 from the Delegation of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the report of the United States of America to the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons";

(i) CD/1984, dated 26 May 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 20 May 2014 from the Delegation of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the fact sheet on "transparency in the United States Nuclear Weapons Stockpile" dated 29 April 2014";

(j) CD/1986, dated 20 June 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 17 June 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Ireland addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the paper entitled "Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons" submitted by Ireland on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition to the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015

Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons";

(k) CD/1987, dated 20 June 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 17 June 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Ireland addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the paper entitled "Humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons: known risks and consequences" submitted by Ireland on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition to the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons";

(l) CD/1988, dated 20 June 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 17 June 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Ireland addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the paper entitled "Nuclear disarmament" submitted by Ireland on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition to the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons";

(m) CD/1989, dated 20 June 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 17 June 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Ireland addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the paper entitled "Applying the principle of transparency in nuclear disarmament" submitted by Brazil on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition to the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons";

(n) CD/1990, dated 20 June 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 17 June 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Ireland addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the paper entitled "Multilateral nuclear disarmament verification: applying the principles of irreversibility, verifiability and transparency" submitted by South Africa on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition to the First Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons";

(o) CD/1992, dated 3 July 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 26 June 2014 from the Permanent Mission of France to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the national report of France to the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, submitted at the third session of the Committee";

(p) CD/1993, dated 11 August 2014, entitled " Note verbale dated 11 August 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the comment by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the violation by the Russian Federation of the provisions of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty";

(q) CD/1994, dated 20 August 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 18 August 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the comment by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the protest expressed to the Russian Federation regarding its attempts to extend its jurisdiction over the Ukrainian nuclear facilities and material in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea";

(r) CD/1995, dated 21 August 2014, entitled "Letter dated 12 August 2014 from the President of the conference on Disarmament addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the reports of the Coordinators on the various substantive

agenda items in accordance with decision CD/1978 adopted by the conference on 26 March 2014 establishing a schedule of activities of the 2014 session";

(s) CD/1997, dated 27 August 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 22 August 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Austria addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the paper entitled "Addressing the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons as the foundation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in Oslo, Nayarit, Mexico and Vienna" submitted by Austria to the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons";

(t) CD/1999, dated 4 September 2014, entitled "Working paper submitted by Cuba on behalf of G-21 member States on the United Nations resolution 68/32 entitled 'Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament'";

(u) CD/2002, dated 9 September 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 3 September 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Algeria addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the section on disarmament and international security of the final document of the XVII Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement held from 26 to 29 May 2014 in Algiers";

(v) CD/2003, dated 9 September 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 22 August 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Austria addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the Austrian report in reply to the letter from the Office for Disarmament Affairs dated 20 February 2014 concerning resolution 68/49 entitled 'Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations'".

37. In accordance with CD/1978, agenda items 1 and 2 were considered in informal plenary meetings on 21 to 23 May and 4 to 6 June 2014 under the coordinatorship of Mr. Walid Mahmoud Abdelnasser, Ambassador of Egypt and Mr. Michael Biontino Ambassador of Germany.

B. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters

38. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

39. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/1966, dated 27 January 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 27 January 2014 from the Permanent Mission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the crucial proposals made by the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in Pyongyang on 16 January 2014;

(b) CD/1970, dated 20 February 2014, entitled "Letter dated 20 February 2014 from the President of the Conference on Disarmament and Permanent Representative of Italy to the Conference on Disarmament transmitting two letters from the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations";

(c) CD/1972, dated 24 February 2014, entitled "Nota verbale dated 21 February 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the "Special declaration on nuclear disarmament" and the "Proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a zone of peace", adopted by

the Heads of State and Government during the Second Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, held from 28 to 29 January 2014 in Havana";

(d) CD/1973, dated 25 February 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 21 February 2014 from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran in its capacity as Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement of the Non-Aligned Movement on the occasion of the Second Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons held in Nayarit, Mexico on 13 and 14 February 2014";

(e) CD/1979, dated 7 April 2014, entitled " Note verbale dated 27 March 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Mexico addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the Chair's Summary of the Second Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons held in Nuevo Vallarta, Nayarit, Mexico, on 13 and 14 February 2014";

(f) CD/1980, dated 1 May 2014, entitled "Letter dated 30 April 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the statement issued at the 8th Ministerial Meeting of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (NPDI) held in Hiroshima on 12 April 2014";

(g) CD/1982, dated 26 May 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 21 May 2014 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement delivered by Mr. Vitaly Churkin, Russian Permanent Representative to the United Nations during the signing of the Protocol to the Treaty on the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia on 6 May 2014 in New York";

(h) CD/1983, dated 26 May 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 20 May 2014 from the Delegation of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the report of the United States of America to the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons";

(i) CD/1984, dated 26 May 2014 entitled "Note verbale dated 20 May 2014 from the Delegation of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the fact sheet on "transparency in the United States Nuclear Weapons Stockpile" dated 29 April 2014";

(j) CD/1986 dated 20 June 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 17 June 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Ireland addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the paper entitled "Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons" submitted by Ireland on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition to the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons";

(k) CD/1987, dated 20 June 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 17 June 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Ireland addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the paper entitled "Humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons: known risks and consequences" submitted by Ireland on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition to the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons";

(l) CD/1988, dated 20 June 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 17 June 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Ireland addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the

Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the paper entitled "Nuclear disarmament" submitted by Ireland on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition to the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons";

(m) CD/1989, dated 20 June 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 17 June 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Ireland addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the paper entitled "Applying the principle of transparency in nuclear disarmament" submitted by Brazil on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition to the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons";

(n) CD/1990, dated 20 June 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 17 June 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Ireland addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the paper entitled "Multilateral nuclear disarmament verification: applying the principles of irreversibility, verifiability and transparency" submitted by South Africa on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition to the First Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons";

(o) CD/1992, dated 3 July 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 26 June 2014 from the Permanent Mission of France to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the national report of France to the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, submitted at the third session of the Committee";

(p) CD/1993, dated 11 August 2014, entitled " Note verbale dated 11 August 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the comment by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the violation by the Russian Federation of the provisions of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty";

(q) CD/1994, dated 20 August 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 18 August 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the comment by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the protest expressed to the Russian Federation regarding its attempts to extend its jurisdiction over the Ukrainian nuclear facilities and material in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea";

(r) CD/1995, dated 21 August 2014, entitled "Letter dated 12 August 2014 from the President of the conference on Disarmament addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the reports of the Coordinators on the various substantive agenda items in accordance with decision CD/1978 adopted by the conference on 26 March 2014 establishing a schedule of activities of the 2014 session";

(s) CD/1997, dated 27 August 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 22 August 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Austria addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the paper entitled "Addressing the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons as the foundation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in Oslo, Nayarit, Mexico and Vienna" submitted by Austria to the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons";

(t) CD/1999, dated 4 September 2014, entitled "Working paper submitted by Cuba on behalf of G-21 member States on the United Nations resolution 68/32 entitled

Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament";

(u) CD/2002, dated 9 September 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 3 September 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Algeria addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the section on disarmament and international security of the final document of the XVII Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement held from 26 to 29 May 2014 in Algiers";

(v) CD/2003, dated 9 September 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 22 August 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Austria addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the Austrian report in reply to the letter from the Office for Disarmament Affairs dated 20 February 2014 concerning resolution 68/49 entitled 'Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations'".

40. In accordance with CD/1978, agenda items 1 and 2 were considered in informal plenary meetings on 21 to 23 May and 4 to 6 June 2014 under the coordinatorship of Mr. Walid Mahmoud Abdelnasser, Ambassador of Egypt and Mr. Michael Biontino Ambassador of Germany.

C. Prevention of an arms race in outer space

41. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

42. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/1970, dated 20 February 2014, entitled "Letter dated 20 February 2014 from the President of the Conference on Disarmament and Permanent Representative of Italy to the Conference on Disarmament transmitting two letters from the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations";

(b) CD/1985, dated 12 June 2014, entitled "Letter dated 10 June 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation and the Permanent Representative of China to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the updated Russian and Chinese texts of the draft treaty on prevention of the placement of weapons in outer space and of the threat or use of force against outer space objects (PPWT) introduced by the Russian Federation and China" and presented at the 1319th plenary meeting on 10 June 2014;

(c) CD/1991, dated 24 June 2014, entitled "Letter dated 20 June 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation and the Permanent Representative of Argentina addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the joint statement of not being the first to place weapons of any kind in outer space signed on 28 May 2014 in Moscow".

(d) CD/1995, dated 21 August 2014, entitled "Letter dated 12 August 2014 from the President of the conference on Disarmament addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the reports of the Coordinators on the various substantive agenda items in accordance with decision CD/1978 adopted by the conference on 26 March 2014 establishing a schedule of activities of the 2014 session";

(e) CD/1996, dated 25 August 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 20 August 2014 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the comments made by the delegation of the

Russian Federation on the report of the informal meetings prepared by the Coordinator on item 3 of the agenda of the Conference entitled 'prevention of an arms race in outer space'";

(f) CD/1998, dated 3 September 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 2 September 2014 from the Delegation of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the United States of America's analysis of the 2014 Russian-Chinese draft treaty on the prevention of the placement of weapons in outer space, the threat or use of force against outer space objects";

(g) CD/2001, dated 4 September 2014, entitled "Letter dated 3 September 2014 from the Chargé d'affaires ad interim of the Russian Federation and the Permanent Representative of Cuba addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the joint statement of not being the first to place weapons of any kind in outer space signed by Mr. Sergei V. Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and Mr. Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba on 11 July 2014 in Havana";

(h) CD/2002, dated 9 September 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 3 September 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Algeria addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the section on disarmament and international security of the final document of the XVII Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement held from 26 to 29 May 2014 in Algiers".

43. In accordance with CD/1978, agenda item 3 was considered in informal plenary meetings on 11 to 13 June 2014 under the coordinatorship of Mr. Matthew Rowland, Ambassador of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

D. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons

44. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

45. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/1975, dated 10 March 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 1 March 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the briefing note concerning the guarantees of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of the territory and frontiers of Ukraine";

(b) CD/1976, dated 10 March 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 2 March 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a non-paper on violations of Ukraine's laws in force and of Ukrainian-Russian agreements by military units of the Black Sea fleet of the Russian Federation on the territory of Ukraine";

(c) CD/1977, dated 18 March 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 13 March 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the address by the Parliament of Ukraine (Verkhovna Rada) to the guarantors States of the Security of Ukraine adopted on 11 March 2014";

(d) CD/1995, dated 21 August 2014, entitled "Letter dated 12 August 2014 from the President of the conference on Disarmament addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the reports of the Coordinators on the various substantive

agenda items in accordance with decision CD/1978 adopted by the conference on 26 March 2014 establishing a schedule of activities of the 2014 session";

(c) CD/2002, dated 9 September 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 3 September 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Algeria addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the section on disarmament and international security of the final document of the XVII Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement held from 26 to 29 May 2014 in Algiers".

46. In accordance with CD/1978, agenda item 4 was considered in informal plenary meetings on 18 to 20 June 2014 under the coordinatorship of Ms. Marta Maurás, Ambassador of Chile.

E. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons

47. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

48. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/1995, dated 21 August 2014, entitled "Letter dated 12 August 2014 from the President of the conference on Disarmament addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the reports of the Coordinators on the various substantive agenda items in accordance with decision CD/1978 adopted by the conference on 26 March 2014 establishing a schedule of activities of the 2014 session";

(b) CD/2002, dated 9 September 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 3 September 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Algeria addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the section on disarmament and international security of the final document of the XVII Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement held from 26 to 29 May 2014 in Algiers".

49. In accordance with CD/1978, agenda item 5 was considered in informal plenary meetings on 25 to 26 June 2014 under the coordinatorship of Mr. Mikhail Khvostov, Ambassador of Belarus.

F. Comprehensive programme of disarmament

50. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

51. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/1995, dated 21 August 2014, entitled "Letter dated 12 August 2014 from the President of the conference on Disarmament addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the reports of the Coordinators on the various substantive agenda items in accordance with decision CD/1978 adopted by the conference on 26 March 2014 establishing a schedule of activities of the 2014 session";

(b) CD/2002, dated 9 September 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 3 September 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Algeria addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the section on disarmament and international security of the final document of the XVII Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement held from 26 to 29 May 2014 in Algiers".

52. In accordance with CD/1978, agenda item 6 was considered in informal plenary meetings on 25 to 26 June 2014 under the coordinatorship of Mr. Mikhail Khvostov, Ambassador of Belarus.

G. Transparency in armaments

53. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

54. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/1995, dated 21 August 2014, entitled "Letter dated 12 August 2014 from the President of the conference on Disarmament addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the reports of the Coordinators on the various substantive agenda items in accordance with decision CD/1978 adopted by the conference on 26 March 2014 establishing a schedule of activities of the 2014 session";

(b) CD/2002, dated 9 September 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 3 September 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Algeria addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the section on disarmament and international security of the final document of the XVII Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement held from 26 to 29 May 2014 in Algiers".

55. In accordance with CD/1978, agenda item 7 was considered in informal plenary meetings on 25 to 26 June 2014 under the coordinatorship of Mr. Mikhail Khvostov, Ambassador of Belarus.

H. Consideration of other areas dealing with the cessation of the arms race and disarmament and other relevant measures

56. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/1976, dated 10 March 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 2 March 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a non-paper on violations of Ukraine's laws in force and of Ukrainian-Russian agreements by military units of the Black Sea fleet of the Russian Federation on the territory of Ukraine";

(b) CD/1981, dated 21 May 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 19 May 2014 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the comments by the Russian Deputy Defense Minister Anatoly I. Antonov on the remarks made by NATO and the United States of America representatives on the withdrawal of Russian Federation troops from the border with Ukraine";

(c) CD/2002, dated 9 September 2014, entitled "Note verbale dated 3 September 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Algeria addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the section on disarmament and international security of the final document of the XVII Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement held from 26 to 29 May 2014 in Algiers".

I. Consideration and adoption of the annual report of the Conference and any other report as appropriate to the General Assembly of the United Nations

57. With a view to the growing importance and need of progress of multilateral disarmament, and building on the focused efforts in the Conference on Disarmament to establish a programme of work for the 2014 session and with a view to early commencement of substantive work during its 2015 session, the Conference requested the current President and the incoming President to conduct consultations during the inter-sessional period and, if possible, make recommendations taking into account all relevant proposals, past, present and future, including those submitted as documents of the Conference on Disarmament, views presented and discussions held, and to endeavour to keep the membership of the Conference informed, as appropriate, of their consultations.

58. The Conference decided that the dates for its 2015 session would be:

First part: 19 January–27 March

Second part: 25 May–10 July

Third part: 3 August–18 September.

59. The annual report to the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, as adopted by the Conference on 10 September 2014, is transmitted by the President on behalf of the Conference on Disarmament.

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